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HOW COUNTERFEIT MONEY IS DESTROYED.

Why Innocent-Looking Devices Are Seized by the Government -Authorized Counterfeits.

For some weeks a committee composed of clerks of the Treasury Department has been at work destroying the counterfeit money which has accumulated in the storage room of Mr. Hazen, the chief of the secret service of the Treasury Department. Chief Hazen estimates the amount of counterfeit money which is being destroyed at \$5,000,000. It would take a pretty big vault to hold all that accumulates in the hands of the secret service chief in a year. The collection includes not only counter-feit money and the plates used to make it, but advertisements which are unconscious violations of the law against simulating the securities of the United States. And sometimes the agents of the secret service seize whole editions of books which contain pictures prohibited by law-likenesses of the coins or the paper currency issued by the government. A very short time ago there were seized 1,000 pounds of 'Coin Guides,' seized 1,000 pounds of "Coin Guides," issued by a concern in Boston. These "guides" not only quoted the prices paid for rare coins, but gave wood outs of the coin designs. The whole edition of the "guide" was seized, and at the same time two other "guides" printed from the same plates were captured and the plates were confiscated.

These unconscious isolations of the counterfeit law give the secret service bureau more trouble than the counterfeiters. Since the passage of the Edmunds counterfeit law the secret service agents have had their hands full suppressing advertise-ments and other devices, which are plain but innocent violations of the statute. For example, some time ago a bicycle company issued a guarantee in the form or semblance of a bond. Any one who read this guarantee and understood it saw plainly that it was simply a promise to pay the owner of a bicycle of their make a certain amount of money if the machine did not last a certain time; but a foreigner, ignorant of the English language, might have been persunded very easily that this was United States bond for \$1,000. This fraud was, in fact, practiced on certain foreigners with bonds issued by a New York newspaper guaranteeing its circulation.

A few weeks ago a newspaper in have no knowledge New York published cartoons in the side of the industry. form of notes bearing the faces and names of certain city officials. Inc cartoons could not have been used to deceive an intelligent person; but he law is intended more especially to protect those who are not intelligent. So the agent of the secret service seized the plates from which the cartoons were printed and threatened the proprietor of the paper with prosecution if he repeated the offense.

The newspaper picture as printed is hardly ever dangerous, especially if it be a picture of a coin. But what

is dangerous is the engraving from which the print is made. This engraving could be used to reproduce the design in metal if it should fall into the hands of unprincipled people. That is why the secret service bureau seized the plates from which the New York newspaper was printed. This feature of the law is so well understood now that many publishers submit designs for engravings to the chief of the secret service before having the engravings made.

The latest and the most amusing seizure made by the secret service agents was a set of dies prepared in Chicago and used for making soda water checks. These checks were of metal, and they were so like the old five-cent piece that they would have deceived a very intelligent person if handed to him in a quantity of coin . Most of these checks were sold in the not been cut short they would have seized the dies.

bank clerks in the art. Incidentally them. these "professors" work up business for detective agencies and get subscriptions for "counterfeit detectors." which are published in several at least once a month, and, if in the years. All but \$10 of the counter- fewest. feit money was found in his posses-

confidence again. seized to the bureau at Washington and with them goes an invoice. The original invoices are put in thehands country. When the committee has materials of the season. checked up all the goods they are Caken to the macerator in the base-

The one is used for the destruction of mutilated and worn-out paper money and the other for the destruction of obsolete plates from the bureau of engraving and printing. These two destructive agents render the secret service seizures quite harm-

#### AMERICAN PEARLS.

#### More Than \$500,000 Worth Found in Wisconsin.

Mr. George F. Kunz, the New York expert in precious stones, states that pearl-fishing is becoming an important industry in Wisconsin, and that more than \$500,000 worth of excellent pearls have been taken out of the Sugar river, down in the southwestern part of the State, during the last three or four years. But he thinks the legislature ought to pass a stringent law to protect the fisheries, which will otherwise soon be destroyed by the improvidence of those who are working them. The pearls are found in a species of mussel which can be preserved and propogated like the oyster, and the yield of pearls can not only be made per-manent, but can be improved. The fishermen now tear open the shell and destroy all the life it contains, whether it carries a pearl or not, when it would be just as easy gently to pry it open with some sharp instrument and remove the pearl with a pair of pincers without injuring the industrious and humble little being. He can then be put back into his bed at the bottom of the stream to breed and bear pearls indefinitely. By selecting the mus-sels from which the best pearls have been taken from those that have borne a poorer quality, and planting them at the spots where the yield has been most prolific, it would be possible to improve the pearls both in size and quality. Experience has taught that oysters can be bred up just like horses or cattle, and Mr. Kunz believes that there would be no difficulty in doing the same with all

tain extent in other countries and the conditions at the Wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the conditions at the wisconsin pearl fisheries are peculiarly favorable and the wisconsin per favorable and the wisconsin per favorable and th

it. He has prepared a circular let-ter on the subject which has been sent out by the United States fish commission, but he suggests that the legislature of Wisconsin should order an investigation and pass laws to protect the pearl mussels and regulate the fisheries before they are entirely destroyed. Most of the men working them now are amateurs and have no knowledge of the scientific

Mr. Kunz, or rather Mrs. Kunz, has discovered that what are known as blue-white diamonds, that are very rare and come from the mines in Brazil, are reservoirs of light, and will not only show phosphorescence in the dark by friction, but will even sparkle when entirely at res' Kunz was wearing a diamond of this kind and one night happened to notice the phenomenon while hanging up some clothes in a dark closet, She called her husband's attention to it and he made a thorough investigation. But of all the grades and colors and kinds of diamonds that he had access to, the blue-white variety pever known of this peculiarity before he thought it must have been discovered by some one, and began a search through all the authorities that treat of precious stones. Finally he found a reference to the fact in ar old English work, but the author evidently regarded it as of little inportance. Those who happen to own upon being tossed into the air, will blue-white diamonds can make tests scud away exactly like a bird. It for themselves.

#### Overland Travels of Trout.

Captain Barker has built a nice camp, with a good cellar, near his like tail. It may be of any size. hatchery near Bemis, which over. The wings should be like two rightlooks the spring, and has a man on angled triangles, connected at the vicinity of Birmingham, Aia., but guard night and day. He also has a base, only the paper must be curved some were found in Washington, and number of traps set in the stream outward beyond the hypotenuse, it is likely that if their career had and on the banks. In one the other much the same as a bird's wing is night he caught a monster owl.

In constructing his hatchery he penalty, and the agents in Chicago a large boiling spring which is con- area of one of the wings. nected with the original spawning There is, however, a quantity of ground. The trout have gone over the large cities of the United States they are clearing off the ground and

men are bankers and teachers or pro- ment is based on facts, as he and neither can this type of kite. It will fessors in the art of detecting coun- several of his workmen a few days go with the wind, and for the same terfeit money. There is a regular ago saw a trout come up stream to business, not only in detecting coun- where it was filled with leaves. The terfeits, but in teaching others to de- trout rested a moment or two, then parts of the United States make a feet to open water. One of the men living by this occupation, and some remarked that all that was needed of them travel from place to place for the trout to reach the hatchery filling engagements to instruct young was to have a road swamped for

#### Fun With Peanuts.

report to the secret service bureau, two or three nuts in the same place. Then she provides each of her

neignborhood of a secret service guests with a little basket tied with agent, to report to him in person and gay ribbons, and the "hunt" begins. show him the counterfeit money to After a certain time the finds are show him the counterfeit money to demonstrate that none has disappeared. An agent in Nebraska not largest number wins the first largest number wins the first tremely nourishing, simply because the albumen, not having been hard-

Some other trials that are great sion and was taken from him. He sport are often introduced. One is usually given, that is, beaten up with claimed to have lost the \$10, and no to see who can carry the most peaaction was taken against him. But nuts in one hand from one table to a good one; the appearance of the he will never enjoy the Secretary's another. A boy ought to win this. Forty-two is a good number. Of often be induced to try it. It is free Whenever a special agent makes a course, the winner is to be rewarded, seizure he forwards the articles while the "booby" too, must have a simple something.

of the treasury committee and are great use of. They are sold in all cr with a fork. Put the white on a compared with the goods in the hands the dark and neutral colors match. plate, add a pinch of salt, and then, great use of. They are sold in all er with a fork. Put the white on a of the secret service custodian so as ing plain dress fabrics or showing with a broad-bladed knife, beat it to to make sure that nothing has es- shot checked and other fancy mix- a stiff froth. Then, as lightly as caped. It would be a pretty serious tures and combinations in keeping possible, mix all together in the with the new and beautiful color basin, and as lightly transfer to a feit money was turned loose on the schemes brought out in the rich dress clean tumbler, which it will nearly caped. It would be a pretty serious tures and combinations in keeping

Bitter root has been chosen us the ment of the treasury building or to State flower of Montana.

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Peter he kissed little Nell, Thought that no one knew it: But, you bet, I'm going to tell, 'Cause I saw him do it.

T was about a week ago. At her birthday party; She was mad at me, you know, 'Cause I called her smarty.

Peter he kissed little Nell, Thought I could n't see; But, you bet, I'm going to tell 'Cause it was n't me.
—[H. S. Nut.

A BIG CHUNK OF GOLD.

Uncle fam is borrowing \$50,000,006 In gold to chink up the cracks in the Trensury. How big a chunk do you guess this amount of gold would make? If you could count a dollar a second it would take you over a year and a half to merely count it over, allowing no time for sleep or meals. It would make a solid cube five and a half feet on a side. If you rolled it into the form of a ball it would be six and a half feet in diameter. And yet it is over this comparatively small mass of yellow metal that the great American Nation is now worrying.

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Perhaps you do not know that the quickest and readlest way to find the length of the day is to double the time of the sun's setting. The length of the night may be found in like manner by doubling the time of the sun's rising.
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#### WINTER NIGHT SPORT.

A peanut hunt is lots of fun for an evening party. The hostess hides peanuts in all sorts of queer places about the room, sometimes putting two or three nuts in the same place. Then she provides each of her guests with a little basket tied with gay ribbons, and the "hunt" begins. After a certain time the finds are compared. The one who has the largest number cins the first prize, while the "booby prize" is fittingly awarded to the one having fewest.

Some other trials that are great sport are often introduced. One is to see who can carry the most peanuts in one hand from one table to another. A boy ought to win this. Forty-two is a good number. Of course, the winner is to be rewarded. while the "booby." too, must have

a simple something. Another trial consists in carrying potatoes from one room to another in a tenspoon. The potatoes, which should be round and big, are better put on a table with a polished top. The one who can carry the greatest alone seemed to retain and emit light number of potatoes from one table in the dark. While Mr. Kunz had to the other in a given time wins. The tables must be far apart. It is not easy to scoop up the potato

> A PECULIAR KITE. A balloon maker who uses kites in experimenting has made a kite which,

seud away exactly like a bird. It will fall if a string is attached to it. Anybody can make this kite if he will bear in mind the appearance of a bird in the air. It consists of a wing-like main part, and a paddlecurved. About half the length of reached other large communities. In constructing his hatchery he one wing from this main portion, a The soda water sellers were notified to send in all of these checks under square in the bank, where he found hold the tail—a paper paddle of the

Make each wing with a little convexity from the under side, and don't counterfeit money which is held in the old bed into the house, where attempt to fly it with a string. The a string to the leg of a frightened under special permit of the Secretary seem to prefer it to the open water. of the Treasury. It is held by about twenty-five men, and the limit to the amount held by each is \$500. These spawning ground. The above state-

reason that a bird goes forward. The tendency of the breeze, which will first strike the tail, will be to tect them. Several men in different started overland some three or four throw the kite down, but as the tail goes down it elevates the wing portion. The instant the wings begin to rise to a perpendicular position to the wind current, it presents a broader surface to the breeze, and is, of course, pushed onward. By this undulatory, snake-like wavering, it sends onward and upward. This A peanut hunt is lots of fun for movement may be seen in any fluttercities. All who hold counterfeit an evening party. The hostess hides ling flag on a breezy day. Indeed this money under permit from the Secre- peanuts in all sorts of queer places discovery was made by observing the tary of the Treasury are required to about the room, sometimes hiding undulatory m tion of a flag on the mast. - [Atlanta Constitution.

#### Raw Eggs.

Raw eggs are frequently ordered

ened, is the sooner digested. Many, however, cannot take raw eggs as usually given, that is, beaten up with dish is so nice that an invalid will from oiliness and clean to the palate. Put the yolk of an egg into a basin with a teaspoonful of white sugar and a tablespoonful of orange or Galloons of every width are made iemon juice, and beat lightly togethfill if properly made. This must not stand in a warm place, or it soon becomes liquid and loses its snowy

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